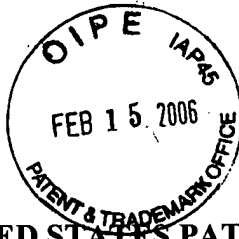


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Eisuke SASAOKA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8219
Application No.: 10/821,190	:	Group Art Unit: 2883
Filed: April 09, 2004	:	Examiner: M. El Shammaa

For: A METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING AN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE AND AN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of:

Group I. Claims 1 through 11, directed to a method; or

Group II. Claims 12 through 15, directed to an optical transmission line.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute method claims 1 through 11 (Group I).

Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 11 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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